

MISSOURI CAPITOL POLICE ADVISOR

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Salute to America 2009

The 4th of July celebration was a safe and successful event once again. Missouri Capitol Police did respond to several calls and all were handled without incident. Officers responded to a medical emergency and several reports of missing children and minor disturbances. Assistance was provided in each case and all children were quickly reunited with their families.

Security Alarms

Capitol Police received more than 100 door alarms during the month of July. Employees are urged to use only proper building entrances and exits and to follow established protocol when using an alarmed door or propping an alarmed door open. Officers respond to all alarms because we consider this critical to maintaining a safe work environment. Please understand that responding officers treat these alarms as security threats until establishing there is no danger. Please remember the alarm system is meant to help keep state employees and the public safe as we conduct state business.

Lost and Found

The Capitol Police Department maintains the state's "lost and found" for the Jefferson City area. If you've lost something, please stop by our office, Room 101 of the Truman Building, or give us a call at 751-2541.

Trespass Arrest

On July 23, a man was found sleeping in his vehicle on state property. After checking Capitol Police records, it was determined that the same individual had been found sleeping in his car and asked to leave state property on several previous occasions. The man was encouraged to leave voluntarily, but after refusing several times he was arrested for 1st degree trespass.

Spotlight Topic: Domestic Violence



"Abuse is a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over another. Battering is a behavior that physically harms, arouses fear, prevents a partner from doing what they wish or forces them to behave in ways they do not want. Battering includes the use of physical and sexual violence, threats and intimidation, emotional abuse and economic deprivation. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together, or who are dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. If you think you might be in an abusive relationship please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) or your local domestic violence center to talk with someone about it." *From the National Domestic Violence Hotline website (www.ndvh.org).*

If you or someone you know are ever in immediate danger of domestic violence call 911 immediately.

Pamphlets from the Missouri Attorney General's Office on "Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence" are available in our office for anyone wanting more information regarding protection in Missouri. The pamphlet may also be viewed online at: <http://ago.mo.gov/publications/domesticviolence.pdf>. As always, Capitol Police would be glad to speak to anyone having questions or concerns regarding this or any other law enforcement-related issue.